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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 10 July 1969

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Godfrey called attention to Senator Mansfield's publicized information that only 1,000 troops have been infiltrated into Vietnam during the past month. He questioned where the Senator is getting this information and added that our data suggests a far higher rate of infiltration. Making it clear that he was not questioning our data, General Cushman pointed to press reports out of Saigon which tend to support the Senator's information.

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D/ONE briefed on today's agenda items for USIB, and the Director asked General Cushman to chair the meeting. Bross questioned whether Item 5, Post-Mortem on Czechoslovakian Crisis, will cause any problem. After some discussion it was decided to retain the item on the agenda.

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The Director said that he would like to have adequate time to focus in on our response to Senator Symington's letter. briefed on the current status of the reply's coordination and assured the Director that there is adequate time for his review.

Carver briefed on the status of our obligation to provide Dr. Kissinger with what can be done to augment the collection effort in Vietnam and Cambodia. He noted that a draft package is about ready

for Dr. Kissinger's review. The Director added he is glad to see that our memorandum of 3 July on Hanoi's short-term intentions was well received and said that we should study the format of this memorandum as a model for future use.

Maury noted that Congressman Hastings Keith is at Headquarters today for a briefing on the Soviet leadership.

Maury briefed on the confusion which appears to exist in the ranks of Congressional committee staffs with respect to the ABM problem. He noted that Bill Spell rather than Ed Braswell is assisting Senator Stennis on all matters pertaining to the current debate. Maury added that Congressman Bow is reportedly ill.

Maury read from the 9 July Congressional Record on Senator Fulbright's comments characterizing CIA as having the best information about the Russians.

Maury encouraged those who are interested to view tonight's NBC program which will show captured newsreel footage of Soviet/Chinese troop confrontations.

Houston noted that Senator Ervin has granted us an executive session hearing on his bill and that the dates of 22 or 23 July are open for this purpose. The Director indicated that he will be available on Tuesday, 22 July. General Cushman noted that he is trying to reach a member of Bryce Harlow's staff in order to effect the necessary measure of Executive interest, and the Director noted that, if he is unsuccessful in this regard, he will consider a more direct approach.

DD/S&T briefed on our earlier information with respect to the Soviet lunar program, pointed to the possibility that the 3 July failure was due to a booster failure, and added that there are a number of indications that the Soviets may attempt another launch.

Executive Director noted that, thanks to General Cushman's efforts, we are now in receipt of a new directive from the White House stating that "a separate directive encompassing the same general principle will be issued for the intelligence community." Bross noted that at some point in the future we should probably discuss this matter with Deputy Secretary Packard and perhaps Robert Froehlke.

In response to the Director's question Maury noted that Congress usually adjourns the last two weeks of August, reconvening shortly after Labor Day.

The Director commented that Senator Bayh apparently wishes to have breakfast with him here on Monday morning, per a telephone call received in his office yesterday. The Director then briefed on his



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